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The bill continues to invest in economic development programs for disadvantaged communities and makes

resources available to small businesses. To protect consumers from dangerous products like toys with lead, it

provides an increase for the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the third year in a row, helping that

agency recover from neglect over the last decade.

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